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Exams Rear Ugly Heads For Appearance Tomorrow

Read it and weep, inmates: those horrible exams are here again. Starting tomorrow, Academy boys will have the semi-annual opportunity of glaring at ridiculously searching questions and subsequently sweating blood for three hours.

Leading off the Murderer's Row will be a charming English quiz by Mrs. Bitzer. Hardened veterans of the class foresee the usual test—several themes and a series of abstract, one-word quotations.

Other 400 slappers on the schedule include a number of unworkable quadratics under the guise of algebra, a physics crib based on Einstein's 28 pages of gravitational equations, and an engrossing Latin exam, entitled "Hic, Hae, Hee or Drunk Again." Even the usually calm history exponent, Mr. Younger, has caught the spirit, and was heard recently remarking, "By jingies, I'll show these young fellows an exam and a half."

Here, then, is the convenient line-up for next week with the name and number of each and every player:

Tuesday, January 24; A.M.—English III, IV in Study Hall; Civics in Room 11. P.M.—English I, II in Study Hall.

Wednesday, January 25; A.M.—Latin and Modern History in Study Hall; American History in Cafeteria. P.M.—Modern Languages in Study Hall.

Thursday, January 26; A.M.—Chemistry, Physics, Ancient History in Study Hall. P.M.—General Science, Commercial Law in Study Hall; Regular Public Speaking in Library.

Friday, January 27; A.M.—Math: Trig, Solid, Algebra. P.M.—Math: Plane Geometry, Algebra II.

Morning exams: 8:30-11:30; afternoon exams: 1-4.

Maroon Alums Swarm Home For Christmas

In the last few weeks we have welcomed home many MBA graduates from various sections of the country. Some found time to come back and visit the Alma Mater, and one very demanding question was "How is your English?" Lindsey Ruth and Bob Parrish were two who had a very favorable answer from Vanderbilt, along with Charlie Blackard from Marion.

Also here for the holiday season were Jake Wallace, Ed Nelson, and Bill Bailey. These boys have been residing at the University of Seawance for the past few years.

Ken Goodpasture, who traveled throughout Europe this past summer, will graduate from Davidson this year.

Franklin Jarman and Ernest Franklin, it is said, turned judge on New Year's Eve and celebrated it five different times. Nice work, boys!

'Bell Ringer' Again Backs Voting For Class Representative

Inmates, remember those lush babes on page one of the Bell Ringer last spring? They were really something, huh? Well, this year we're spicing our covers again with a class representative for each of the next four issues.

The set-up is simple. Each class chooses a Nashville girl now attending high school for its representative, only Freshmen voters for the Freshman class choice, Sophomores for the Sophomore, etc. All individual ballots are then turned in to assistant Bell Ringer

Key Club Sponsors Intramurals, Slates February Bell Hop

The yearly Key Club-sponsored intramural basketball tournament will be held shortly after mid-term exams in the MBA gym. Club President Lem Stevens announced recently.

This tournament, a hit since its inauguration at the Academy three years ago, is divided into two (Freshman-Sophomore; Junior-Senior) divisions and operates on the round-robin principle with each team playing every other squad in its division. Providing rub-Varsity boys with a chance to glitter on the basketball court, past tournaments have been a tremendous success. This year's turnout on the player list has been above average, and

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Annual Steps Up Photo Campaign

Men, break out your camera, dust off the cobwebbed lenses, and begin a career of photography today! Surprise your friends by snapping them in the shower while stunningly attired in their birthday suits. Gratify them by recording their expression while blissfully parked.

Untold popularity awaits you by the simple clicking of a shutter. Also ten bucks awaits you from the Bell which is hard up for pictures. These candid gems are to be of the Academy campus, its boys, and their activities (subject to censorship, of course). Deadline for these snaps is March 1st. Prizes for photos run: Best picture, \$10.00; second best picture, \$5.00; most pictures used, \$10.00. So for Pete's sake (also for Jim Henley's) help turn out a top-notch 48-50 Bell by warming up the family Kodak TODAY.

Elsewhere this year's annual is rolling into fine shape with all news picture proofs in and the glasses ordered. All news stories are due on February 15th with the exception of basketball copy which carries over until the end of the season. Experienced ad-getters Marion Smith and Lewis Wood are scheduled to hit the streets of Nashville soon to apply the full degree of their salesman's art.

P.S.—Don't forget; get out the camera NOW.



DR. MERLIN PETERSON
Out of the muddle, ABC's

VU's Dr. Peterson Speaks at Academy

Translation of the muddle of atomic energy to simple ABC language—that was the result as Vanderbilt chemistry head, Merlyn Peterson, spoke at a pre-Christmas Academy assembly. In a crystal-clear talk, Dr. Peterson made terms such as nuclear fission, and chain reaction as obvious to MBA boys as demerit hall and 8-ball.

Basis of atomic energy, explained Dr. Peterson, is the business principle, "If you get more out than you put in, you're a success." Thus when a neutron strikes the bulky (heaviest of 92 elements) uranium atom, the atom bursts (nuclear fission), shooting out two neutrons which, in turn, strike two more atoms, etc. The entire energy-releasing process takes place in a fraction of a second, causing a tremendous explosion. By business standards, then, this "chain reaction" is a booming success.

In actual practice this reaction is limited to uranium 235 (uranium is 99% 238, 1% 235) above the

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Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

Vacation ends. Two hundred bleary-eyed sots drag themselves back to the lovely red-brick sanitarium overlooking Harding Road.

Items . . . Coble receives party invitation . . . discovers R.S.V.P. does not mean Refreshments Served Very Promptly . . . George Knox and Lem Stevens host beer party . . . Gibbs attends . . . looms bet . . . writes first look, "My Conquest of Centennial Lake" or "The Channel Swim" by Shirley May Gibbs . . . Bobby Rippe says that he'll go to pieces if these people don't stop building two-story houses . . . Mob clash as X-man tree combats fight for business. . . . Famous last words: Mostes' car-top perforated as Moore exclaims, "The champagne stopper doesn't fly off!"

Dillard Adams doesn't fool around with this penny ante stuff.

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Maroons See Caulfield, Lund In Radio Life of Sam Davis

The life of a distant Academy alumnus was recreated for M.B.A. students recently at the Ryman auditorium as they attended an afternoon dress rehearsal for the Cavalcade of America's story of Sam Davis, "Honor Bound." Davis was an ante-bellum student at Western Military Institute, predecessor to the present day Montgomery Bell Academy.

Academy Students Take Time Current Events Contest

The annual Time magazine current events contest was given recently at MBA, along with four hundred other leading secondary schools throughout the United States. Participants, usually limited to history class members at the Academy, were gunning for a prize of either a twelve-inch world globe, or any book of their choice.

Although sponsored by Time, the test is prepared by Alvin C. Eurich, president of New York State University, and Elmo C. Wilson, president of International Public Opinion Research, Inc., and

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NCMA Schedules 2 Youth Concerts

There comes (or should come, anyway) a time in the life of every young zealot when music means more than a washboard ballad from the hill country, more than yodeling semi-literate on tap at the Ryman each Saturday evening. That these times have become all too few was recently confirmed by a Dr. E. Chickelous Academy survey reporting that 50% of M.B.A. boys didn't know the difference between Beethoven's Fifth and Pimlico's sixth.

As an introduction to music for hillbilly addicts and as a refresher for its already many fans, the Nashville Civic Music Association has slated two Nashville Symphony Youth Concerts—Thursday, February 9th, and Tuesday, March 7th, both at 8:00 p. m. in the War Memorial Auditorium. Feature performers in February will be two out-of-town pianists, Sally Maurice Vann and Patsy Hodges, from Jasper and Chattanooga, respectively. Included on the hand-picked program are works from Bach, Beethoven, Purcell, and Smetana. The March concert will hinge around an 80 voice high school chorus (from Howard, North, Cohn, East, and West) now rehearsing under individual school music leaders and under the general supervision of Mrs. Catherine Warren. As usual, backbone of the programs will be the Nashville Symphony under the direction of ace New York conductor William Strickland.

Looking Back With the 'Bell Ringer': Five Years Ago . . . 1944-1945

Five years ago . . .

MBA's first printed Bell Ringer hit the campus with Nelson Andrews as editor . . . Front page stories included a sketch of new Academy headmaster, Richard Lee Sager from McCallie, and the announcement of a school Alma Mater just written by math professor James C. Rule . . . A football powerhouse, sparked by Buddy Hewitt, Nelson Andrews and Southern Al Whitson returned home from Knoxville after a near knockout defeat at the hands of the Knoxville Central game . . . Readers of

With several other local schools, MBA was the guest of the DuPont Company on January 9th to watch Hollywood stars John Lund and Joan Caulfield put the final polish on the regular Tuesday night broadcast of the Cavalcade of America. Mr. Lund was featured as Sam Davis, Miss Caulfield as Connie Hardison, "the girl who loved him."

In a pre-broadcast warmup Cavalcade announcer Bill Hamilton introduced the cast, gave a brief run-down of program mechanics. The radio script stemmed from two biographies of Davis. On Jordan's Sterns Banks and Sam Davis, Confederate Hero. The program itself: as a Confederate scout in the fall of 1863, 21-year-old Sam Davis was slipping through Union lines north of Nashville with important papers when he was captured, found guilty as a spy.

Offered the latter choice of execution or freedom, if he would reveal the papers' source, Davis never flinched, pointed out that he committed treason. Life would not be worth living. His final words on the gallows are classic: "I would die a thousand deaths before I would betray a friend."

Glee Club Rounds Program Into Form

The Academy Glee Club has last week steadily hammering into shape their comic opera, "The Penman," to be presented in early spring. With several important soloists out of practice, faculty sponsor Rule was turning attention to the memorizing and coordinating of lengthy choral sections.

Since the recent reorganization of the Glee Club in early December, elections have been held, rules for rehearsals announced, and several individual parts assigned. Night practice sessions had been at MBA until January ninth when Club Librarian Jim Henley invited the members to his home on Craighead Avenue.

Although no one is in sight to replace last year's top performer, Billy Phifer (now living in Kansas City), three better-than-average voices have been discovered in Bob Wilk, Carl Gates, and Jim Henley. Meanwhile, Louis Todd gives promise of being outstanding in one of the opera's character parts.

"Personality of the Month" first saw a family name that was to become familiar at MBA—Alf "Adams." They also noted that Pete Robinson, now alternate Vandy cage captain, concentrated on football but was "also one of the first five on the basketball court." . . . In the spring MBA's first baseball team since the 1930 champions landed confidently back into interscholastic league competition . . . and with the five new rule courts rounding into shape, MBA netters again mangled all local challengers, took the coveted Kendall Cram trophy.

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Number One

As Homecoming Day neared last fall for one local high (we'll call it X), school pep club leaders worked themselves into semi-neurosis yelling rah-rahs, tipping other schools off X was best. Out of curiosity we quizzed one X fan exactly wherein his Alma Mater was better than a dozen other Nashville schools. He stammered five minutes, then admitted he didn't know. We didn't either. Stripped down to fundamentals, X is only a carbon copy of its brother schools—built with the same money, overstocked with the same kids, sporting the same grind-em-out curriculum.

M.B.A. has a heritage that has set it out of that swirl of lookalikes and boosted the Academy by work and sweat into a unique position in Nashville, the rank of number one. That's not a pep club phrase, that's fact. For fifty years M.B.A. has eventually romped everyone in sight on the football field and with the arrival of Howard Allen has turned out a solid series of great ball clubs—the last two undefeated; M.B.A.'s basketball squads have consistently occupied the top rungs at tournament time; Academy tennis teams have been unequalled since the days of Joe Davis; scholastically, Mr. Sager has steered M.B.A. to the top, not just in our opinion but in that of Vanderbilt and other colleges where M.B.A. boys have gone; the faculty is magnificent, bordering on private tutors in confab to some of the "I'm teaching while my husband goes to college" gems of surrounding schools. "M.B.A." through association has come to mean quality. That quality in a school does not come from an overnight pep club—noise does. Quality comes from year after year plugging to hit that number one spot, a game at which M.B.A.'s had 144 years' practice. There's no pep club here to broadcast M.B.A.'s best. The name "M.B.A." itself means that.

Keep in mind, then, the break that's come to you from the work of others. On the football field, in the examination hall, with the Maroon publications, wherever you represent M.B.A., stick to that idea—the Academy is not just another school, it's number one.

ANNUAL 'TIME'

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is therefore not a test on Time itself. A Time bulletin describes the exam as a "comprehensive factual test covering events in the last four months of 1949." All phases of modern life (foreign affairs, national events, sports, theatre, etc.) fall into this quiz, providing a clear idea of the average student's knowledge of current history.

First launched in 1935, this

yearly Time test spread in coverage from a cluster of New England schools to prep schools in 35 states and the District of Columbia. Other Tennessee entries in the contest include Baxter, Castle Heights, Girls Preparatory, Miss Hutchinson's, McCallie, St. Andrews, Tennessee Military, and Webb.

Winners of the Time award last year in Academy competition were Vernon Sharp and Dick Cantrell of the Senior and Junior classes, respectively.

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Class News

Junior School News

MBA seconds forms were reported to have been kicked out of tea dances during the Christmas vacation for wearing T-shirts.

Even though it didn't happen yesterday, a few of the eighth grade boys can still remember the wasp which made a surprise attack on Derryberry's desk while he and the rest of the class evacuated. After a short speech, Miss F. mustered her courage and strode fearlessly forth to kill the wasp while Bill Ward led the class in a funeral march.

—John Davis

Freshman News

Since exams are coming and I'm studying oh, so hard, this article may be found to be a little brief. From all good freshmen I hear that Storton Oman chews Bechnut gum 5-1.

The freshmen seem to be having a hard time recovering from those long-night Christmas holidays. I found Bob Franklin and Sammie Harwell suffering.

Hal Moore, expert on trapping, is trying to make Mr. Moody's honor roll by telling his woolly tales of the woods, and word reaches me that Louis Patton has been teaching Mr. Rule a few tricks in algebra.

Baby Snooks Baird has now regained himself now that we no longer make those "childish speeches," as he called them.

In behalf of the Freshman Fourth Period study hall, we take out hats off to Mr. Cornelius for helping us pass algebra.

Sophomore News

Classes got underway as usual Tuesday morning and saw Lance, B. O. (correction H. O.) Blackwood, Randolph, and Massey just getting in from the Delta Sig New Year's party.

Some of our Sophomore class Casanovas really hit their stride during the holiday dance season. A few of the second year romances (whose initials were Jimmy Anderson, Bobby Miller, Glenn Plummer, Andrew "Sonny" Ewing, and Bill Hoffman) had a light breakfast at the home of Jimmy (wish I could make up my mind) Anderson. They must have had a wonderful time—even the toast was dark.

It seems Jim Pelletieri couldn't find the breakfast after the Kappa Phi, but we're sure "Pill" made up for it. How about it, Jim?

DuPlatier finally dragged back to school after visiting the French Quarter in New Orleans.

His first week's accomplishment: Tuesday, absent; Wednesday, arrives 10:30, gets five; Thursday, absent; Friday, kicked out of every class including study hall.

News Flashes:
Mr. Moody gives Kingree low grade on very late Kim report.

Kingree tries all week to regain tie he gave Mr. Moody for Xmas.

Ben Adams spends holidays reading book as "Janie" Edwards goes to Florida.

Nisley and Cragon vote "Ichabod and Mr. Toad" picture of the year.

Metcalf and "Riviera" Brandford want to know what's wrong with "Duel in the Sun."

"Country" Powell finally gets hair to stay as he discovers leaks in crankcase.

Ewing's plans for a wonderful time over the holidays fold as date gets sick after Alpha Chi dance and also has an eight o'clock curfew New Year's Eve.

Ramsey and Williams seen fighting duel over who is best on Junior Varsity basketball team.

What was Cate doing up town New Year's Eve night? How was the dancing lesson, Tommy? "Kitten" cut quite a rug himself.

The Sophomore class wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Bobby Dunn. Really sorry to learn of your father's death.

All the boys who ever played on the Junior Varsity are surely sorry "Cooch" Hackenbush had to give us up. We want you to know, "Pee" we really enjoyed playing under you. Thanks a million for the perfect football record. You've been swell.

Junior News

During the holiday Bob "I can beat you on pick-up" Wilk came moaning up with wild tales of his pistol-packing mama he got for Xmas. Also seen looking carefree was Eddie "Blues-Buster" Deck. He says he felt quite well; he only studied 13.1 hours a day. Charlie "Call Me Smart Guy" Rolfe just got back from a "little joint" in Florida called the Senior Bowl. I asked Rolfe how he got to go, and he said in a very poor English accent, "Oh, I don't know. Just lucky, I guess."

While down in the lunchroom, Ray came up to me with a very worried look and said "You know I just don't see how these filling station people know where to set up pumps and get gas."

Allan Cooper: "I want to buy a plow."

Clerk: "I'm sorry, sir, we haven't any plows."

Allan: "No plows? What kind of a drug store is this anyhow?"

Police: "Hey buddy, you're going across a one-way street."

Dillard Adams (coming up the wrong way): "Oh, that's alright, officer. I'm just going one way."

I want to leave with you a proverb for the coming year: that might be the best of all.

"A man is weighed by the company he keeps."

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Senior News

January 3rd dawned cold and dreary as thirty-six moaning, cursing, bleary-eyed seniors returned to the scholastic wars. Ryan and Edwards didn't show at all. A great time was had by all (especially Ryan and Edwards) over the holidays, and wine, women and song dominated the scene. At least so say the boys.

Just when the class was recovering from the holidays, something else happened along to daze them—Joan Castfield. Upon learning that Joan wasn't married, Gibbs stayed home two days planning his attack, while Oman started divorce proceedings against his present wife.

By the way, it has been reported to the writer that the two young things seen standing with Ferguson in the alley next to the Knickerbocker after the radio show were Jo Ann Collins and Becky Holstein, two of the better-known Ingleswood belles.

All seniors are indeed grateful to Wills for sabotaging the furnace recently. The pool halls were filled to overflowing with Maroons who wield a wicked cue stick. The record shops were crowded also before the theatres opened. Hawkins searched all albums for pictures of June Allison, while Bryan, Horn, Coble, and McNeilly sat entranced for hours listening to their favorite vocalist, Tennessee Ernie. At ten forty-five there was a mass migration to Loew's, where all seniors viewed with amused contempt Mickey Rooney's poor imitation of our long-gone friend, Jack Todd.

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Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous, Past

by John Adams

It does not take long for once bright events to drift into oblivion. Since we are only in MBA four or five years, the milestones that we make remain, but we are forgotten. Forgotten, too, are the changes, the dates when things began, what people said, and sometimes the people themselves. I say "forget" for lack of a better word; the truth is, we have never known many of the events that happened before our arrival.

The oldest school paper that I have been able to find was published in the fall of 1943. It was much smaller than this paper, being a mimeographed tabloid about twice the size of a piece of notebook paper.

In this issue was an editorial on Mr. Ball. Not many of us here now ever knew Mr. Ball, but from all accounts he was a fine gentleman. When asked how he got along so well with boys he answered, "I have always assumed that they were gentlemen, until they proved otherwise, and I have found that most boys, sensing my approach, always lived up to my expectations." Mr. Ball was headmaster at MBA for thirty-two years, retiring from that position in 1941.

Do you remember Literary Society each month? Every class met to hear several speeches and a debate by fellow class members. What ever happened to it? Or the Student Council that was the go between for the Student Body and the faculty? The Honor Council has taken its place in enforcing rules and deciding punishments. In the abandonment of the Student Council we have lost some of our Student government.

Believe it or not, Mr. Sager gave a half holiday in 1944 when we downed Springfield 46-20.

The words and music for our Alma Mater were written by Mr. Rule in 1944. It is original.

MBA entered baseball in the spring of '45 for the first time in thirteen years. We entered with the forming of the new Inter-scholastic Baseball League.

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After starting slow with a pair of losses and a single win, the Maroon cagers have caught fire and raced to eight straight victories: six against second district competition to assume the favorite's role in the district. In blasting West's high-flying Blue Jays, 53-34, the Big Red finally gave a performance worthy of their pre-season acclaim, and are now on their way to what they hope will be the most successful basketball season in recent MBA history.

From all angles the Maroons appear loaded. The most obvious advantage is, of course, height; with four starters over the six-foot mark the Big Red can probably get most of the rebounds from any other team in Nashville, and that height pays off in tip-ins and blocked shots as well. In speed the Maroons compare favorably with all teams they've opposed. Their fast break, led by Inman Fox, is rapidly developing into one of the most feared weapons in town. Their shooting percentage, although nothing spectacular, is re-

spectable nevertheless, and continues to improve as the season advances. In addition, the Big Red boasts a tight zone defense, the second best point producer in Nashville. Row Herald, was held to nine points, one of his lowest totals all year; West's Donald Simpkins,

another dangerous scorer, managed only three points against the Maroons. Finally, the Maroons have reserve strength. Three Juniors—John Ackley, Charlie McDaniel, and Jimmy Ray—see most action of the subs, although the whole reserve list is capable.



M.B.A.'s Coble Shoots in T.I.S. Tilt

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By JIM BRENT

With the football season now history, the eight senior starters on the Maroon eleven are turning their thoughts towards college. Charlie Hawkins and Bobby Worrall are of course set on Vanderbilt, where Billy Bryan will probably enroll as well. Robert McNeilly plans to attend either Yale or Sewanee, while Bill Coble and Morris Ferguson have been rushed by football scouts from Clemson and Georgia, respectively. Another senior on the first eleven, Bill Edwards, will attend Vandy although his lack of weight will probably keep him out of college football. The remaining starter, Jack Leech, is going to Maryville College; as yet he hasn't decided whether he'll try football there or not.

Interest in the rifle team has sagged to what appears to be an all time low. However, there are a few faithful marksmen who continue to journey to East's junior high range on Tuesday nights and thus save face for the school. Top men are Dick Bransford, Lem Stevens, George Smartt, and Joe Tennison. In the two matches to date the Maroons have finished fifth and fourth.

With the intramurals still weeks away more than fifty boys have already put their names on the bulletin board list of applicants. The 1950 tournament should be the best in school history; interest such as has been shown this year is a real encouragement to the Key Club which sponsors the event.

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With two potentially strong squads and a pair of early wins between them, both Junior Varsity and Grade School basketball teams give promise of a successful 1950 season for sub-varsity cagers.

Allen to Coach J. V.

Varsity Coach Howard Allen took over the reins of the Junior Varsity basketball squad when Mr. Hackman was forced by doctor's orders to give up the position. Mr. Hackman presented Coach Allen a squad of fifteen boys who seem eager to top last year's so-so record. In its only test so far, they raced through a weak Peabody team, 34-10, showing fairly well offensively and defensively. "With more seasoning, this group has every possibility of going far," exclaimed Coach Allen.

Blackburn Pleased with Microbes
After beating Farmer 31-28 in a practice basketball game, Coach George Blackburn appeared to be

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Maroons Catch Fire To Spank West, Ryan, Howard, Take Loop Lead In Second Cage District

Big Red Rules Boards, M. B. A. Downs Ryan In 31-26 Victory

A simple case of man against midget proved the downfall of West High's Blue Jays as the Maroon cagers downed them 54-34. The MBA forward-center combine of Coble, Hawkins, and Oman left little to be desired in their rebound work, clearing the boards neatly on both ends of the court.

The Jays held the Big Maroons to a 12-10 lead at the end of the first period, but the height advantage began to show in the second quarter, and MBA left the floor a 24-27 leader at half-time. In the final half, the MBA defense opened up slightly, but West still didn't take advantage of it, shooting from far out and losing most of the rebounds. MBA lead 37-24 at the beginning of the final period.

Hawkins led the scoring with 15 points, closely followed by Gates with 11, and Fox with 10. Fox stole the show in the final seconds, grabbing the ball twice as the Jays attempting to come down the floor and laying-up two consecutive craps.

Academy Bottles Howard's Herald, Pulls Out 35-30 Win

Paced by the outstanding work of guards Carl Gates and Inman Fox, the M.B.A. cagers conquered the Howard Rebels 35-30 for its third consecutive league victory. The Big Red jumped into an 8-5 lead at the conclusion of the first period and remained ahead for the remainder of the contest.

Gates led the Maroon scoring with eleven points, but it was little Fox who proved to be the real hero. With only twenty seconds remaining, M.B.A. led 32-30, but the Rebels were quickly overcoming the lead. As he was fouled, Fox was awarded a free-throw and the ball. The Maroons froze the ball during the remaining minutes.

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Personality of the Month

by Mack Dixon



BILLY COBLE

Our personality for this month, Billy Coble, certainly needs no introduction. Well-liked and admired by everyone from the lowest freshman to the faculty, Billy is always high on the popularity polls at the Academy. His winning smile, great sense of humor, and loyalty make him a friend of all.

A fine athlete, Billy has already received offers from colleges desiring his services. His grades, while not spectacular, steadily rank in the upper part of his class. Billy is also famous for his jaunt to California with some of his schoolmates this summer (not that this has anything particular to do with his athletics or his grades).

Entering upon his career on the Hill as a Freshman, Billy quickly claimed the friendship of everyone. His Sophomore year he was class secretary - treasurer, an office which he held his Junior and Senior years.

As an athlete, Billy is outstanding. He began his football career as a sophomore on "Fess Hackman's" caddy team of '47. He also starred on the Junior Varsity basketball team of the year. As a Junior, he made the varsity squad, playing behind Hawkins. He was a regular on the basketball team also, starting when Charlie Blackburn was injured. This year he teamed with Bill Bryan to give the Big Red the best pair of ends in the city. Billy reached his peak in the Thanksgiving Day Cookeville game, leading the Red to a great victory. Already rounding into top form for basketball, Billy is being looked-to to lead the Maroons to a great season.

Likes and Dislikes:
Favorite sport—Football.
Favorite subject—English.
Hardest subject—English.
Most hated subject—Math.
Favorite food—Steak and potatoes with gravy.
Most hated food—Squash.
Favorite comic character—Ozark Ike.
Favorite Actress—Jane Powell.

MONOGRAMS

(Continued from page 3, col. 3) loose." Coach Butts asserted. Following the speeches, the team was presented with the Tennessee's AA Championship trophy, and Coach Allen gave every boy a new wool jacket sporting the MBA monogram. Later, movies of the Memphis Central game were shown, and as the boys left to go home each was sure that it had been an evening he would never forget.

ACADEMY BOTTLES

(Continued from page 3, col. 4) Charlie Hawkins showed fine rebound as well as scoring nine points. Oman also cleared his share of the backboards. Charlie McDaniel and Jim Ray were assigned to the tough task of guarding the Red's high-scoring forward, Roy Herald, and held him to only one point.

DOWNES RYAN

(Continued from page 3, col. 6) majority the last two periods. Hawkins dumped in nine points to head the scoring, closely followed by Oman with seven, and Inman Fox and Carl Gates with six each.

Mid-Term Senior Poll -- Who's Who and What's What In the Class of '50

As the first semester draws to a close, many Seniors are realizing that their association with one another and with MBA is almost over. What, then, are their final impressions of these carefree years and the beloved Alma Mater? Which hideous faces will they remember as excelling in Academy life? To answer these and other burning questions the Bell Ringer has sponsored the following Senior mid-term poll:

Most popular: Bryan (11); Coble (8); Hawkins (4); McNeilly (3).

Most likely to succeed: McNeilly (10); Bryan (8); Cantrell, Carney (2); Mrs. Bitzer, Comer, Stevens (1).

Done most for MBA: McNeilly (5); Henley, Bryan (4); Cantrell (3); Stevens (2); Hawkins, Gates (1).

Done MBA FOR most: Wood (8); Henley, Gibbs (5); Oman, McNeilly (2); McDaniel, Anderson, Carney, Hawkins, Leech (1).

Gentlemen of Lelaire: Oman (12); Wood (4); Smith (3); Cantrell, Wills, Edwards, Leech (1).

Wittiest: McDaniel (8); Dixon, Edwards (6); Leech, Pearson, Warren, Carney, Knox (1).

Most naive: Wills (16); Knox, McDaniel (2); Anderson, Stevens, Brent, Bryant, Hawkins (1).

Loudest noise: Dixon (14); McDaniel (5); Anderson (2); Cantrell, Comer, Gibbs, Wood (1).

Best Athlete: Hawkins (21); Coble (4).

Thinks he is: Ferguson, Fox (5); Gibbs (4); Hawkins, Gates (3); Leech, McNeilly, Wills, Edwards, Smith (1).

First Married: Cantrell (6); Wood (4); Oman (3); Smith, McNeilly, McDaniel, Pearson (2); Ryan, Coble, Madden, Leech (1).

First Father: Wood (14); Oman, Wills, Ryan (2); Carney, Hawkins, McDaniel (2); Wood, Oman (1).

Biggest Roughhouse: Wills (19); Cantrell, McDaniel (2); Wood, Oman (1).

Most Drag with Faculty: Smith (6); Cantrell, Bryan (4); Fox (3); Brent, McNeilly (2); Oman, Coble, Hawkins, Stevens (1).

Class Playboy: Wood, Coble (8); Smith (4); Ferguson (2); Comer, Wills, Madden (1).

Class Hick: Horn (20); Oman (2); Comer, Hackman, Wills (1).

Class Tramp: Henley (8); Bryan (5); Gates (3); Madden, Adams, McDaniel, Wills (2); Loser (1).

Favorite College: V.U. (11); Ward-Belmont (2); Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science, Tulane, MIT, Slippery Rock Teachers College (Pa.), Miami, SMU, Seawaco, Owens, Maryville, Millsaps, St. Louis (1).

Favorite Newspaper: Banner (15); Bell Ringer (4); Pravda (2); New York Times (2); Tennessean (2); Harvard Chronicle, Daily Worker (1).

Favorite magazine: Esquire (8); Life (6); True Romance, Sunshine and Health (2); Popular Mechanics, Photography, Reader's Digest, Look, See, Police Gazette, Seventeen, Mortician's Guide to Confidential Living (1).

Favorite Drink: Milk (10); Water (4); Tom Collins, Lemonade (2); Pepsi-Cola, Vodka, absinthe, grape, cherry coke, Cuba libre (1).

Favorite Topic of Conversation: girls (12); sports (5); sex (3); game chickens, cars, Wood, silence (1).

Favorite Extracurricular Activity: dating (8); photography, game chickens, golf (1).

Best year: senior (15); freshman (5); was there one? (3); sophomore, next (1).

Best Feature at School: sports (5); Coach, 3 o'clock (5); restroom, Mr. Sager (2); holidays, Blackburn, graduation, coke machine, faculty, number of activities (1).

Worst Feature at School: faculty (6); English (5); 8:20 (4); Sager (3); demerits, studying (2); classes, cold showers, restrooms (1).

Most needed at school: Women (10); senior privileges (5); new faculty (2); school spirit (2); pavement behind gym, swimming pool, water fountain, 1.

KEY CLUB
(Continued from page 1, col. 2) the Key Club is again hoping for high caliber competition.

Also prominent on the Club's docket was the planning of another Bell Hop to be given in MBA's Honor Room during the first part of February. The first Club dance of the year, staged in the same Honor Room on Thanksgiving night, went over with a bang, giving a signal for others to follow.

B. O. A.
(Continued from page 1, col. 3) Carney sees beer truck overturn on ice at dangerous curve . . . exclaims, "(Hic) It works every time."

Library Stocks Best Sellers, Classics

Although the average student's interest in the library is confined mainly to newspapers, magazines, and required reading, the shelves are filled with books of interest to all age groups.

For the younger boys Mrs. Campbell has bought a group of beautifully illustrated books which contain short biographies of such heroes as Paul Revere and Ethan Allen. In addition, there are several brief stories concerning such phases of our history as the Plymouth settlement, and the Newbury prize winning books are purchased each year for the school's younger readers.

Of general interest are books on religion, history, current events, science, and sports while for the older boys are a group of recent best-sellers. And don't forget all the classics of such writers as Scott, Dickens, and Twain.

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SUB-VARSITY

Continued from page 3, col. 2 well pleased with the efforts of the Microbe cagers. "We'll win our share of games if the boys keep hustling," he said. Carrying fifteen boys on the squad, Coach Blackburn has sixteen games on tap for his fast-breaking hoopers.

From his undefeated squad of last year are Dick Anderson and Frank Bainbridge, two mainstays of this year's team. Jack Standifer, Bill Coles, and Bill Pfeiffer will break into the line-up, among the others of his spirited, but largely inexperienced team.

Microbes Host Football Banquet
Climaxing a successful campaign, a banquet was held for the Microbe footballers and coaches at the home of Glenn Brooks, Decem-

V.U.'s PETERSON

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) "critical limit," or larger than the approximate size of the flat. If a hunk of U-235 below the critical limit is propelled into another one, an over-the-limit mass is formed. Neutrons always present in the air, then strike the lump, chain reaction takes place, and considerable havoc is caused as in Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Intensity of the blast is stepped up by reflectors within the bomb which rebound neutrons back into the exploding mass. That, then, is the atomic bomb in theory very simple.

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